

PERSONAL

MRS. IRWIN DEAD

A Well-Known Decatur Lady Passed Away.

LIVED HERE MANY YEARS

And Was Held in High Esteem by Many Persons—She Died at 10:15 O'clock This Morning.

Mrs Alta Irwin, the widow of the late John Irwin, died this forenoon at 10:15 o'clock at her home, No. 360 West Decatur street. Her death was caused by a complication of diseases and was not unexpected, as she has been ill for some time. For a year or more past Mrs. Irwin's health has been failing and for the past few months she has been confined to her room. Since about three weeks ago Mrs. Irwin's condition had been dangerous and it has been realized that she could not recover.

The deceased was born at Shadyside, N.Y. October 20, 1839. She was married November 1, 1857, at Farmington, Ill., to John Irwin, who died June 18, 1894. Mrs. Irwin came to Decatur in 1860, and since that time with the exception of five years when she was in the west, she has made her home in this city.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss Lillian and Miss Adelty Irwin, both of this city. She also leaves two brothers, Vosey Barber of Decatur, and Henry Barber of Owatonna, Minn., one sister, Mrs. Emily B. Kennedy of Marshall, Minn.

Mrs Irwin, having lived in Decatur so many years, had many friends. She was an exemplary woman and one who was held in the highest esteem by those who knew her. She was one of the old members of the Congregational church and had been identified for years with that organization. The death of Mrs. Irwin will bring grief to many persons. She was such a woman as will be greatly missed by both her family and her many friends.

The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon and will be announced later.

MRS FRED QUECK.

Mrs Fred Queck died of kidney trouble on Thursday at the home of her parents Mr and Mrs Fred Butsing three miles southeast of the city, aged 88 years. She leaves a husband and one little boy.

The time of the funeral will be announced later.

SYLVIA BROWNLEE.

The funeral of Sylvia C. the six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Brownlee, who died Wednesday, was held this morning from the residence in River side place. The remains were taken to Mt Auburn for burial.

Low Rates of Interest.

Chicago Times Herald, April 28.—The Chicago Title and Trust company borrowed \$300,000 from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company of Milwaukee giving as security its big skyscraper in Washington street. The interest rate is 4 per cent, payable semi-annually in any current funds of the United States. The mortgage runs for ten years, but it is optional with the borrower to pay the whole or any part of the loan in two years or on any interest day thereafter. The loan is made for the purpose of refunding a mortgage for \$316,000 given to the New York Life Insurance company, which bore 4½ per cent interest payable in gold. The latter loan had several years to run.

The above item goes to show that the western institutions which heretofore received large rates of interest are now satisfied with the reduction indicated.

Art and Literature.

Two very interesting papers were given at the meeting of the Art and Literature division of the Woman's club yesterday afternoon. Mrs J. M. Clokey gave a splendid review of "The Bowers," by Merriam, and Mrs Letitia Stevenson gave a paper on the "American Arts." There will be no meeting of this division next week because of the annual election of club officers which takes place on Thursday afternoon, May 5.

—Dr Will Barnes made a professional call at Harrisstown yesterday afternoon.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



The Daily Republican.

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1898.

NUMBER TWENTY-SIX.

ALL EYES ON MANILA

Admiral Dewey and the American Fleet in Close Quarters--Naval Battle Expected Today.

The New York Fires at Spanish Fortifications--Spain's Order to Cubans, "Enlist or Die"--City of Paris Safe in New York--Sunday at Camp Tanner.

May Blockade Manila.

Hong Kong, April 30.—If reports here are correct, the entrance to Manila Bay is commanded by fifty to sixty heavy guns, well placed, making it impossible for American warships to enter without the co-operation of a strong land force. Therefore it is believed that Commodore Dewey will only blockade the harbor till the insurgents move on Manila.

Late News from Manila.

Hong Kong, April 30.—A steamer just arrived from Manila did not sight the American fleet, which is supposed to be in shore trying to communicate with the insurgents. It is said to be impossible for the American fleet to enter Manila without battleships or a strong land force.

Not a Spy.

KELLY WEST, FLA., April 30.—There is absolutely no foundation for the sensational reports cabled from here to the effect that a case of treason has been discovered on board the United States monitor Puritan. The rumors arose from the strange actions of a seaman, with a Spanish sounding name, now under restraint on the warship because of his eccentricities. The officers of the Puritan declare there is no thought of trying the man by court martial and that all the talk about treason is absurd.

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TO MANILA.

NAGASAKI, JAPAN, April 30.—A German warship has started for Manila.

Chased by Spaniards.

TOULON FRANCE, April 30.—It is reported that the American yacht Nautilus, on its way to Marseilles, has been chased into St Tropez by Spanish war ships.

Bracing News for Spain.

LONDON April 30.—A Madrid special says an official dispatch from Havana states that the Spanish gunboat Ligeria again engaged with an American torpedo boat off Cardenas. The dispatch adds, "The American boat fired 70 shots. All went wide except one which carried away the bow of the gunboat. The fire of the Ligeria was so well sustained that the American was forced to retire."

WAR BILLS.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—An agreement has been reached by which the conference report on the naval bill will be voted upon by the house at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The addition of 1500 men to the marine corps is the principal point at issue.

AMERICANS MUST LEAVE.

LONDON, April 30.—A special dispatch from Madrid, received here last evening, says the Spanish government is upon the point of expelling all citizens of the United States from Spain.

Denial.

KELLY WEST, April 30.—The report cabled that Cardenas had been shelled by the Puritan and Mackinac lacks confirmation. The story is denied by Captain Herrington of the Puritan.

Montgomery Safe.

MADRID April 30.—Latest Havana dispatches say that the Montgomery went ashore on the rocks off Coronado, Pinar del Rio. Three other warships succeeded in floating her, but she is badly damaged.

(The Montgomery arrived at Key West Friday from Hampton Roads, convoying the ironclad Panther. She has not been in Cuban waters.)

"ENLIST OR DIE"

Cubans Forced to Fight Against Freedom or be Executed--Inhuman Outrages Threatened.

Meat \$1.00 a Pound and Chickens \$2.50 Apiece--Spanish Soldiers are Ready to Surrender.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 30.—(Copyrighted by the Associated Press)—Don Pombo, commandant general, proclaimed four days ago that every man between 15 and 50 years of age must enroll with the volunteers for service, under penalty of death. Five thousand persons have left for the country since the proclamation, four fifths of whom are women and children. Spanish soldiers threaten to kill every Cuban man and outrage every Cuban woman in the city when the blockade begins.

To Matina.

The government has seized all food in private hands.

Many shops still do business with small stocks. Prices are doubling day by day. Monday meat was 40 cents a pound, Tuesday 70 cents, today \$1. in gold.

Other prices are rice 4 cents a pound, beans 21 cents, flour 19 cents, lard 33 cents, chickens \$2.50 apiece.

The Spanish soldiers, especially the sick, are abominably fed. Fourteen hundred sick in the military hospital get nothing except bean soup three times a day, with one ounce of meat. The conditions are so bad that the Spaniards would almost rejoice to surrender after one good fight. Preparations for defense go forward, however.

HOORAY FOR THE PARIS!

She Arrived Safely in New York Harbor To-Day--Not Attacked.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The American caused the delay. She crossed on a line about 80 miles north of the general course, which silenced the Spanish battery at Matanzas, is a Parsons lad. He is an enlisted man, and has never seen the inside of a naval academy. He has won many medals for gallant service in time of peace, and his last stroke of marksmanship adds a luster to the already splendid record.

May Suppress News.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—No news came yesterday from Admiral Dewey's squadron, now on its way to the Philippines to do battle with the Spanish fleet. One officer pointed out that if Admiral Dewey succeeded in defeating the Spanish fleet the Spanish officials who control the cable connecting the island with the rest of the world in all probability may suppress the news or distort the facts into a Spanish victory.

War Prices in England.

LONDON, April 30.—Owing to the war between Spain and the United States unfortified cities. The squadron may remain.

FORTUNES FOR SAILORS

Terror Crew Getting Rich Rapidly Making Captures.

New York, April 30.—The monitor Terror has earned a small fortune for each member of its crew in capturing prizes since the war began. Out of the first prize it took—the Spanish schooner Ambrosio Bolivar, with \$60,000 in silver on board—the 151 men on the Terror will get about \$450 each, while their shares from the latest—the Guido, valued at \$400,000, and the most valuable yet taken—will amount to \$2000 each.

New York In It Again.

Atlanta, Ga., April 30.—The Journal's correspondent with Sampson's fleet cables that Fort Cabanas, a suburb of Havana, was bombarded last night by the flagship New York, and that the Spanish guns were completely silenced.

Key West, April 30.—It is said the firing by the New York last night was on Cabanas, a small port about ten miles west of Mariel.

Lolle the Latest.

Key West, April 30.—A Key West special says: The Dolphin has captured another prize, the Spanish schooner, Lolle, off Havana.

Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Minister Woodford will be one of the major generals, and will sail from England today to receive his commission General Woodford had a good deal of active experience in the war of the rebellion, being chief of staff of Col Quincy A. Gilmore, then military governor of Charleston, and afterward at Savannah, and was mustered out a brigadier general. He is 63 years old, but in vigorous health.

Mines Five Miles Out.

MINNEAPOLIS MINN April 30.—A Duluth special says: Captain King, an experienced diver, says that he spent three months last summer laying mines in Havana harbor for the Spanish. He says the harbor and vicinity five miles out are sprinkled with them.

Troops to Tampa.

CHATTANOOGA TENN April 30.—The 8th cavalry and the 8th infantry have left for Tampa. As nearly as can be learned no more troops will be sent from here for several days.

Gone on a Trip.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The United States steamers St Louis and Harvard sailed this morning. Destination unknown.

Calls for Help.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, April 30.—The British consul at Santiago de Cuba has cabled for a British warship to protect British interests.

At Anchor.

ROCKLAND, ME., April 30.—The cruiser Minneapolis anchored here early this morning.

Parson is Proud.

PARSONS, KAN., April 30.—Frank Roschschl, the gunner on the monitor Parson, who made the last great shot that silenced the Spanish battery at Matanzas, is a Parsons lad. He is an enlisted man, and has never seen the inside of a naval academy. He has won many medals for gallant service in time of peace, and his last stroke of marksmanship adds a luster to the already splendid record.

1. The opening of ingress to Cuba for the relief ship which is to bear supplies to the reconcentrados in Cuba, and the operation of the United States naval forces with those of the insurgents. This invasion, which is to be considered purely as a raid of expedition may end at Matanzas. The San Juan squadron is to be used to make way for and to protect the relief expedition.

2. The preventing of the Spanish fleet now at Manila in the Philippines from joining forces with the Spanish fleet at Cape Verde Islands and in Cuban waters. The instructions to Commander Dewey are not to shell Manila unless the fortifications assist the American fleet. A rigid blockade, similar to that established at Havana, is to be enforced against Manila.

An engagement if any occurs, will be precipitated by the Spanish fleet under command of Admiral Montanez.

3. The flying squadron is to be held at Fort Monroe as a reserve fleet, but it is to be drawn upon if necessary to protect

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BRADLEY BROTHERS

UNLOADING A SURPLUS STOCK OF DOMESTICS THIS WEEK.

Muslins.

5,000 yds. of a Full Standard Brown Muslin at yd....	3c
2,000 yds. of Fine 36-inch Bleached, soft finished muslin at yd	4c
1,000 yds. of Full Standard 36-inch Best Bleached muslin at yd.....	5c

Sheeting.

One Case of Fine Unbleached Sheetings, 2½ yards wide, at yard.....	10c
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Shirtings.

One Case of Indigo Blue Check Shirts, 32 in. wide, at yard.....	6 1-4c
Regular 10c quality.	

Pillow Cases.

100 dozen Bleached Pillow Cases at each.....	5c
100 dozen Hemstitched Pillow Cases, at each.....	9c
50 dozen Sheets, 2½ yards wide, at each.....	33c
50 dozen Sheets, 2½ yards wide, at each.....	48c

Crash.

One Bale of Stevens' Brown Crash, all linen, at yd	3 3-4c
One Case of Twill Cotton Crash, at yd.....	2c
One Case of Bleached Cotton Crash, at yd	2 1-2c
One Case, 2,000 yds, of washed All-Linen Crash, at ..	8c
This is never sold less than 12½c a yard	
1,000 yds, 16-inch Bleached Linen Crash, at yd.....	5c

Napkins.

50 doz. only of a fine all Linen \$2 Napkin for this sale only, dozen ...	\$1.50
Cheap Napkins at, dozen	95c, \$1.00, \$1.25

Ticking.

One case of Fancy Feather Ticking, regular 15c quality, at yard.....	9c
One case of good Feather Ticking, at yard.....	9c

Towels.

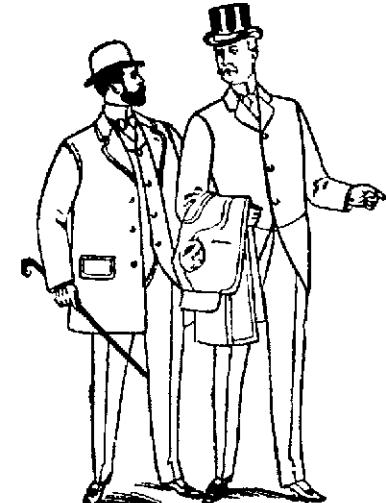
200 doz. All Linen Huck Towels, worth 15, 18 and 20c, all put in at dozen	\$1.50
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Table Linen

One Case of Cream Table Linen, colored border, regular 35c quality, at yard.....	19c
One Case of 64-inch Cream Linen Damask, regular 60c quality, at yard.....	38c
One Case of 56 and 58-inch Turkey Red Table Damask, Choice Patterns, in Factory Remnants, at yd... 23c	

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The Bright Sunshine shows
edges of all the old and shabby

Nature is putting on

Gentlemen, get into line

Our Fair Prize waves over

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GASOLINE

The Best that can be had.
Take no chances on a cheap,
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Sailors, Tams, etc., as we a
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Little Men's Shoes—"Just like dad's"—90c, \$1.00, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75.



Grover's Soft Shoes, for tender feet, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

Shapes that Satisfy.

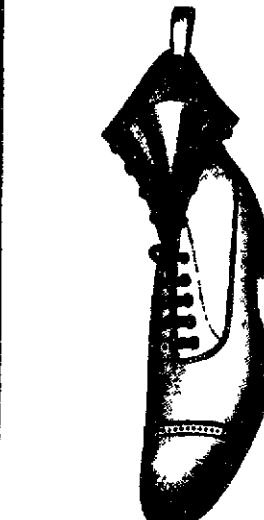
You are not annoyed, when you come here for shoes, by having thrust before you antiquated and passe styles. We keep our stock strictly up-to-date. As the seasons wane we rid the store of all styles that seem to have seen their day, and by the time another season buds and blossoms we are fully ready with THAT season's styles, and they are THE SHAPES THAT SATISFY our customers.

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Man--
You Who
Want the
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\$3.00—no more, no less—save
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See our \$2.00 Shoes for men
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Ladies' Oxfords in all styles,
Tan or Black, \$1, \$1.25,
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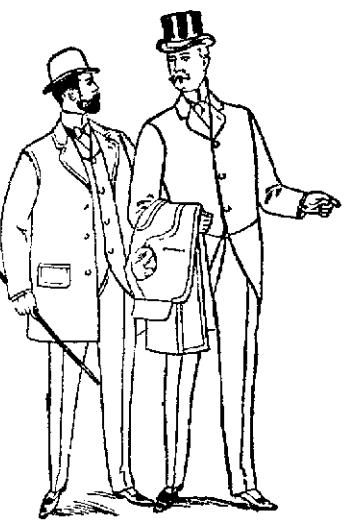
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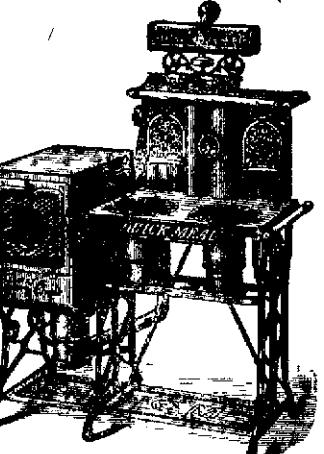
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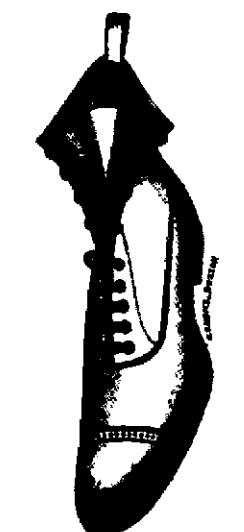
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Misses' Shoes in Large Variety. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cars 25c, Trunks 15c.

Do not miss the \$1 excursion to Indianapolis and return Sunday, May 8, via I. D. & W., 6:30 a. m.

Arauld's Bromo-Ceisery cure head aches, 10, 25, 50cts. Bell, the druggist, Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates, incl. 22%.

To enable all to see the boys in camp the Wabash will sell to Springfield and return, Sunday, May 1, at \$1. Do not miss this chance. Leave Decatur at 9:30 a. m.

Garden and Flower Seed, Nasturtium, Sweet Peas, choices mixed in bulk or packages. Kentucky Blue Grass all new and fresh seed. Open evenings. Hughes & Co., Opera House Block.—mar 21 did

Fred Norman is putting six new machines in his laundry. The cost of the machinery is \$1500.

On Sunday, May 1, the Wabash will sell to Springfield and return, \$1 to see the boys in camp. Special train leaves at 9:30 a. m.

Roast beef and brown gravy at Andrew's restaurant.—18-3w

At 228 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp.

First of the season, \$1 to Indianapolis and return, Sunday, May 8. Special train leaving Decatur at 6:30 a. m., via I. D. & W.

Open during the day and evening—Spencer and Lehman Carriage Repository, at the corner of Main and Wood streets. They have some open and canopy top traps that are beautiful and a full line of fine and medium grade surreys, buggies, road wagons, etc. These are honest goods at honest prices.—22-3&w

The Latest in Spring Suitings—T. F. Mulready.

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\$1 round trip, via Wabash to Springfield, Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 a. m. Go and see the Guards in camp.

DECATUR BOCK BEER is the best.

By agreement it is arranged that the second trial of J. W. Appleton for murder will begin at Sullivan on May 23. I. R. Mills is one of the attorneys for the defense.

"Now good digestion waits on appetite, and health on both." If it doesn't try Burdock Blood Bitters. Sold by all druggists.

Temperance talk in the churches on Sunday.

Call at the C. B. Prescott music house and secure one of those favorite pianos—the Reed & Sons'. Full line of musical merchandise and latest sheet music.

Henry L. Prather, formerly of Decatur and quite prominent in social circles, was married at Cleveland, O., April 29, his bride being Miss Marie Bradwell Calisher. The couple will be at home after May 6, at the Stillman, Cleveland. Mr. Prather was once connected with the Decatur Furniture factory company.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O. Sold by all druggists.

At Teocula Friday Patrick Sloan charged with embezzlement of a large sum of money pleaded guilty to the count, a matter of \$175, and will receive an indeterminate sentence to the penitentiary. I. R. Mills was one of the attorneys for Sloan.

GUARDS
ARE GONE

Our supply of good things to eat are also going fast. Don't delay in ordering your share of fresh game, oysters and poultry, vegetables and fruits.

Cauliflower, Cress, Cat,

Wax Beans, Beans,

Pea, Beans,

Egg Plant, Cabbage,

Asparagus, Pickle,

Onions, Perch,

Head Lettuce, Trout,

Pie Plant, Shad,

Tomatoes, Shad Roe,

Strawberries, Lobster,

Oranges, Cod Snapper,

Soup Bunch, Parsley,

Americans use 1,000,000 dollar buttons annually.

Pearl Oyster and Fish Co.

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EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Are to be Made by the Decatur Gas and Electric Company This Year.

When the Decatur Gas and Electric company consolidates with the Culver Electric company the managers will at once begin extensive improvements. Yesterday eight miles of gas mains were ordered and these will be put in the parts of the city where gas is not at the present supplied. In the consolidation the Culver company takes one-half of the stock and the other company the other half. The master will be entirely settled and about the 10th of May the new company expects to take hold of the plant. There are but five stockholders in the company. They are J. H. Culver and F. H. Culver of this city, Col. J. S. Culver of Springfield George C. Danforth, who will make his home in Decatur, and H. W. McCoy, vice president of the Commercial National Bank of Peoria. The officers elected a few days ago were simply for the purpose of organizing the company and as soon as the consolidation is completed the regular officers will be chosen. J. H. Culver will be president, Col. Culver will be secretary and Mr. Danforth will be the general manager and will have full charge of the business. None of the old stock holders of the gas company will have anything to do with the new company.

A stockholder of the company in speaking of the improvements that are in hand said that about \$100,000 would be expended. The Culver plant is in good order, but the gas factory is in bad shape and will be entirely rebuilt and more modern machinery will be put in.

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The members of the Art and Literature division of the Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. S. T. Lutz on Friday afternoon for the purpose of making the final arrangements for their work for the ensuing year. It was decided that the division would review the best of the works of the best modern writers. A list of books will be made as they appear and the best of the list selected for review. A list of authors including Parkman, Stevenson and Ruskin was recommended for study during the summer and the club vacation.

For history the division will study Parkman on each third Thursday of the month. On each fourth Thursday of the month the division will study art, taking for text books Ruskin's Modern Painters, "Stories of Venice" and "Browning's Art Poems." These will be studied throughout the year. The division has also subscribed for two of the leading magazines for the use of the class. A committee was appointed to arrange a list of the late and best works of fiction during the summer and have the list made up for the fall study. The division will make a special feature of the social work of the division and promote this work as much as possible. Hitherto this feature has been one of the least to be considered and the small social gatherings of the division this year have been so enjoyable that they will be enlarged upon and promoted. Many new members have joined the class this year who are yet comparatively new to the work and the older members of the division are very anxious that all should be in thorough accord with the work and aims of the club.

The officers for the coming year will be elected on the 18th day of May, which closes the work of the division for the year. There will be no meeting next Thursday of the annual election of the officers of the general club, which occurs on that day.

CLUB CALENDAR.

Sorosis—Monday, May 2, subject, "Eliza Venner," Mrs. Laura Boatner, Mrs. Olive Needham.

Cantaqua—Tuesday, May 3, subject, "Short History of Medieval Europe," chapter XX, "Roman and Medieval Art," chapter IX-X, part II, chapter I.

Pealemele—Tuesday, May 3, subject, "Richelieu," act II, "History of the Time of the Play."

Shakespeare—Wednesday, May 4; subject, "Richard III" Papers on the different characters of the play.

The French club will meet with Mrs. G. D. Thomas of West Main street on next Tuesday afternoon.

The Saturday Afternoon Euchre club will meet with Miss Irene Cook this afternoon.

Concert Well Attended.

At the First Baptist church last night a good audience greeted the Sku-U-Mah quartet of Shurtleff college, who gave a concert under the auspices of the third division of the Ladies' Aid society of the church. The program was carried out as announced and was greatly enjoyed, the work of the leader, E. P. Cline being especially appreciated. The ladies of the society made several dollars from the proceeds of the concert.

The members of the quartet were entertained by the different members of the church. Mr. and Mrs. B. O. McReynolds entertained W. D. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wood, R. E. P. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sexton Barnett S. D. Wyllie and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Owen W. E. Ingham and C. E. Henry.

Here Over Sunday.

Owing to a change of date at a late hour of their concert at Lincoln the Sku-U-Mah Quartet will remain in Decatur over Sunday, the guests of members of the Baptist church. As announced by Prof. Kline at the concert the quartet will sing at the Sunday services at the Baptist church, both morning and evening.

Sunday School Room Decorated.

W. L. Schubelberger, superintendent of the Grace M. E. Sunday school, has had the Sunday school room handsomely decorated with flags and bunting. The Sunday school will give a patriotic program on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Arrived Yesterday.

Our fresh stock of garden seeds, everything in that line can be had at Leon & Morris' store, 188 East Wood street.—15-16

Anniversary.

At the First Presbyterian church services will be held to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian church.

New Suits.

Some of the creditors on the electric street car line are appearing in new blue uniforms with brass buttons.

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SUMMER STUDIES

Art and Literature Division

Select List of Authors.

WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS IN BRIEF

Meeting at the Lutz Home Friday Afternoon—The Club Calendar for the Coming Week.

The members of the Art and Literature division of the Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. S. T. Lutz on Friday afternoon for the purpose of making the final arrangements for their work for the ensuing year. It was decided that the division would review the best of the works of the best modern writers. A list of books will be made as they appear and the best of the list selected for review. A list of authors including Parkman, Stevenson and Ruskin was recommended for study during the summer and the club vacation.

For history the division will study Parkman on each third Thursday of the month.

On each fourth Thursday of the month the division will study art, taking for text books Ruskin's Modern Painters, "Stories of Venice" and "Browning's Art Poems."

These will be studied throughout the year.

The division has also subscribed for two of the leading magazines for the use of the class.

A committee was appointed to arrange a list of the late and best works of fiction during the summer and have the list made up for the fall study.

The members of the division will make a special feature of the social work of the division and promote this work as much as possible.

Hitherto this feature has been one of the least to be considered and the small social gatherings of the division this year have been so enjoyable that they will be enlarged upon and promoted.

Many new members have joined the class this year who are yet comparatively new to the work and the older members of the division are very anxious that all should be in thorough accord with the work and aims of the club.

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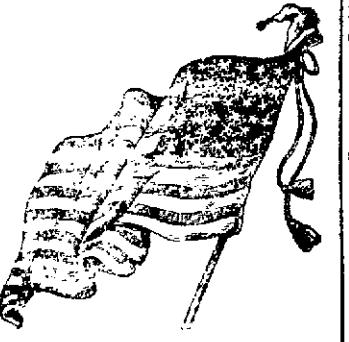
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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1898.



Spain seems to have some cannon but does not seem able to fire them effectively. But your Uncle Samuel knows how to make every shot count.

The gunners of the Spanish forts having had experience would make good witnesses in a naval court of inquiry as to whether a Yankee pig knows how to point a gun.

Because our ships retired after knocking the Spanish defenses to pieces at Matanzas the Spaniards act as if they expected the ships to walk out and occupy the town.

Should Spain make a sanguine of Blane, which is altogether likely, he might conclude to come to the United States, make his confessions and become a decent citizen in a decent country.

The Spanish fleet has at last left the Cape Verde Islands and is said to have sailed south. The chances are that it may venture to attack the Oregon, which is somewhere on the South American coast on its way to Cuba.

It is safe to bank on the fact that Dewey will fight for coal barges. He is half around the globe from home without a coaling station. This fact may teach our congress that it is useless to build up a navy without securing coaling stations in every sea.

Cuba to be Invaded.

The war department seems to be getting a move on itself and has quit the foolish talk about invading Cuba next fall. The reports indicate that the island is to be invaded at once and an active campaign inaugurated. This is good sense. It is logical. It is the only kind of policy that will bring honor to the country in this war. A dilly dallying policy would be disgraceful and indefensible. The yellow fever talk in support of delay is very foolish. We can invade the island and in conjunction with the Cuban patriots force the Spaniards to terms in a very few weeks and before yellow fever would be contracted, providing the men were properly cared for. If Phil Sheridan were alive he could take 20,000 men into Cuba and in conjunction with Gomez and Gerola would bag every Spaniard in Cuba in two weeks, but he would not undertake to do it without a few battles. He did not consider it possible to conduct a war without casualties, but when he suffered casualties he aimed to make the enemy suffer more loss than he suffered. His methods never filled the hospitals with sick. The only hospitals he needed were for his wounded and the wounded of the enemy for he usually had them to care for also. General Miles, General Merritt, General Fitzhugh Lee, can, either one, conduct the same kind of campaign and free Cuba of Spaniards with less of men than would be lost by keeping 100,000 men in camp idle for the next three or six months. The country will be glad to know that an invasion of Cuba will take place at once and no one will be better pleased than those who are expected to do the fighting.

Spain's Manila Fleet.

The latest reports are to the effect that the Spanish fleet at Manila, Philippine Islands, has set a trap for the fleet of Admiral Dewey and some fear is expressed lest the deception may result in a surprise and great damage to the fleet. There seems to be no good reason for fear in this respect. A fleet, like an army advancing into a hostile country, considers its first duty to be to guard against surprises. In the case of any army, cavalry usually leads the advance, throwing out flankers in all directions to traverse the territory on both sides of the line of advance, and develop the enemy should be posted with the view of a surprise. It is next to impossible to surprise an advancing army. An enemy may flank it and get in its rear, cut off its retreat and trouble it in some such way, but surprising an advancing army under prudent officers is not even a remote probability. An army in camp may be surprised in any one of many ways which may be presented by peculiar conditions or carelessness. When Sampson's fleet moved to Havana every precaution was taken against surprise. The swift light scou-

ting boats were far in the advance and on the flanks ready to give the alarm when the enemy should be sighted, in case he happened to be in the vicinity. It is not fair to suppose that Admiral Dewey will advance on Manila in a careless way but will, like an officer who knows his responsibility, take every precaution against surprise and cannot therefore be surprised. He will be ready to deliver battle at any time at any place on the line of his advance, and if the Spanish admiral is foolish enough to think he has surprised the American fleet he will be disappointed. It is more likely, if the Spanish fleet has gone into hiding in a bay, as reported, that its object is not for the purpose of surprise, but for a purpose entirely different. The chances are that in that case, the intention is to dive and permit Dewey's fleet to pass it, after which it will sail away and abandon Manila, as Havana was abandoned.

The indications are that Spain intends to save her navy and will not venture a battle unless absolutely compelled to fight. With her navy she cannot save Havana nor Manila. To Spain the war means the loss of the Philippine Islands and Cuba, naval battle or no naval battle, and, situated as Spain is financially, there is no reason why she would not conclude that it is best not to lose her navy, while she is losing her territory. It would therefore not be at all surprising if the Spanish fleet at Manila is preparing to run away instead of attempting to surprise the American fleet commanded by Dewey.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

GRACE M. E. CHURCH.

W. F. Gilmore, D. D., pastor. Church meets in 2d floor, L. C. H. Morris, Musician. Anti-Saloon League. Address by Howard H. Russell, L.L.D., of Delaware, Ohio. Subscription for state work taken. Evening sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Battle Cry." Sunday School, 2 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Sunday services May 1, 1898, at 10:30 a. m. Dr. George C. Jones, Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.

Friday evening testimonial service at 7:45. All welcome. Review Building, second floor front, corner North Main and North streets.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.

Church street, between Eldorado and North. Rev. G. H. Hall, pastor. Dr. G. C. Jones, Musician. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Earl Merritt, Supt. Communion on 10:45 a. m. At 11:00 a. m. the pastor, fresh from his southern lecture trip, will preach on "The World's May Day" at 7:30 p. m. to discuss "Sights and Scenes of the South." Special music by the big choir of 125 voices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

W. H. Penhaligon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. A. H. Mills, supt. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.

In the morning, services commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of Westminster Standards. In the evening an address by Howard Russell, of Ohio, president American Anti-Saloon League.

Strangers are cordially invited to worshiping elsewhere as much as men.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Cornelius North, Water and East North streets. Rev. S. H. Bowyer, Pastor. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.

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RANT PARK CHAPEL.

Sabbath school at East Park Mission, 2:15. J. Edward Marion, superintendent. Annual election of officers. Services at Chapel each Tuesday evening.

CHURCH OF GOD.

Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo streets. J. Bernard, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "Obedience." Evening subject: "Thinking About Ourselves." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

CENTENARY U. S. CHURCH.

The Centenary church, corner of N. Broadway and Eldorado streets. M. B. Spady, pastor. Sun-day school at 9:30 a. m. W. F. Montgomery, supt. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. John C. Jackson, D. O., assistant superintendent of the American Anti-Saloon League.

ST. PETER'S M. E. CHURCH.

Frost Craft Parlor—Class meeting at 8:45 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Frank Ewing, Supt. Public worship at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. Jackson, of the Anti-Saloon League, preaching at 10:45 a. m. Evening services at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Our Boys Under the Flag."

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Corner of Church and Eldorado streets. Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by Miss Yeomans, Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Evening patriotic service at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Our Boys Under the Flag."

GOODWAY MISSION.

Rev. L. C. Hayes will preach at 8:15 p. m. GOODWILL STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Corner West William and Edward streets. Rev. Marion Stevenson pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. E. March, Supt. Morning Rev. W. L. Woodward will preach. Evening: "Christian Conquest."

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Corner of North Water and Goodwill streets. Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. Theme: "The Higher Patriotic." At night this congregation will attend service at the Presbyterian church. Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Corner of North Water and Goodwill streets. Rev. Frank G. Oberly, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Dr. N. D. Myers, Supt. Morning service at 10:30. Evening service at 7:30.

Enjoy Yourselves.

This is the time of year when, with wholesome outdoor games and exercises, people should drive away the heaviness and dullness that comes after a winter indoor, and become healthy, active and vigorous men and women.

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DISEASE DEATH IN CUBA**35,000 Spanish Soldiers Succumbed During the Year 1897.**

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The mortality among Spanish soldiers in Cuba is almost beyond credence. Within the past few days official information on this subject has reached the president and Lieutenant General Schofield. It has come through the medical service of the government, and is known to be reliable. During 1897 the Spanish soldiers who died of disease in Cuba numbered 32,584. During the year more than 30,000 Spanish soldiers were sent back to Spain, invalided. It is stated that at least 3000 of them died en route or soon after they landed in Spain.

Much can be learned by the experience of the Spanish army of the past three years in Cuba. Given proper clothing, food and medical care, our death rate should be less than half of theirs. Even the death rate from yellow fever can be materially lessened if an army of occupation is necessary during the coming summer. With careful consideration of the subsistence supplies, proper clothing, modern camp sanitation and revaccination against smallpox, the mortality rate of the Spanish army can be reduced 50 per cent.

The foregoing facts were compiled by W. F. Brunner, sanitary inspector, United States marine hospital service.

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THE NEW YORK FIRE**Spanish Work on Co.****Near Mariel Prom**

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Spaniards Fired First.

FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, off Havana, via Key West, April 30.—In answer to a volley fired from the Spanish cavalry on the shore at Cabanas, 38 miles west of Havana, last evening, the New York sent an 11-pound shell in the direction of the Spaniards. The enemy's fire was silenced.

BLANCO AND**Eighty Thousand****4000 "Loyal"**

Havana, April 30.—Havana is prepared for battle. Enlistment at the volunteer corps continues. It is estimated there are now 80,000 men ready to defend their country. Generals Blanco and Pando have been surveying personally the fortifications of Havana. Sentry lines have been posted and civilian are not allowed to pass through them. Committees of defense have been formed in every district. Many distinguished ladies and others have tendered their services. The rebel brigadier, Masso Parra, has gathered more than 4000 Cubans, who are al-

SUNDAY AT**All Illinois Will Gra field on Excuse**

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ment at Mariel, and the flagship proceeded to a point 10 miles beyond Mariel.

There suspicious movements were observed of probable work on fortifications.

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ready equipped, and prepared to fight for Spain. They are "presbostos," insurgents who have come in from the field. The city of Havana remains absolutely quiet, save for the bands playing at Central Park. Every street is gayly decked with banners. During the day the American fleet off the coast draws an immense crowd, who look at it with spy glasses and opera glasses. They comment on the blockade as sport.

Havana beach has been last few days been converted into a promenade. A man with a large telescope on a tripod offers a sight of the fleet for 5 cents.

SUNDAY AT THE CAMP.

All Illinois Will Gravitate to Springfield on Excursion Trains.

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It may be the last Sunday the soldiers will spend in the state as the mustering officers are expected at any time. The work of mustering the men into the government service will go forward with all possible haste and it is not unlikely that the last opportunity to see 10,000 people mobilized is close at hand. The trains are expected to reach Springfield early enough to give the visitors a full half day with their friends at camp. The street car service will be taxed to its full capacity but the ability to handle large crowds

has been put to stringent tests and it is certain that all who come may ride.

The army of Illinois is weaker by 600 men than it was on the day of its arrival in Camp Tanner. It is weaker in the sense that its numerical strength has been reduced from 6521 to 7912 men, according to the consolidated reports filed in the office of Adjutant General Reese this morning by the regimental commanders. The reduction in numbers has simply increased the efficiency of the troops which Illinois has been called upon to furnish for conquering Spain. It has sent to their homes 609 men who, in their excess of patriotism, forgot their physical deficiencies or whom company commanders in their anxiety to bring full companies to camp, enlisted in defiance of the order prohibiting enlistments after April 16.

Mustering Officer in Camp

SPRINGFIELD, April 30.—Lieutenant Cole of the 7th cavalry, U. S. A., enlisting and mustering officer appointed for Illinois, has arrived and will begin the mustering of troops into service at once.

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The war department is thoroughly con-

cerned with the fine state of efficiency of the Illinois National Guard, which for several years past has been considered far in advance of any militia organization in the United States.

There has been an earnest wish on the part of Secretary Alger that the service of all the Illinois troops might be utilized, but under the call for troops the designation was necessarily limited to a number proportionate to population.

Officers of the war department also stated that the acceptance of the Illinois troops is the strongest possible endorsement on the part of the war department of the efforts made by the state to build up and maintain an efficient body of citizen soldiers.

It was said that the Illinois National Guard, in its organization, discipline, equipment and experience in regimental, brigade, and division camps was more nearly assimilated to the regular army than that of any other state.

The Columbia.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 30.—The cruiser Columbia arrived at noon.

Debate is On.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The house took up the conference report on the naval appropriation bill and proceeded under an agreement for a three hours' debate.

Roast monkey is said to be quite a dainty dish. Its flavor is a sort of compromise between pheasant and hare.

Miss Pearl Abrams has returned from a visit with friends at Elkhart.

ALL EYES ON MANILA.

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force the Sampson squadron. This is the original plan mapped out more than three weeks ago by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt.

4. The guarding of the approaches to cities on the north and middle Atlantic coasts by regular warships and auxiliary cruisers. The original plan contemplated the performance of this duty by vessels manned by naval reserves, but a change was compelled by advice of the sailing of a Spanish fleet from Cadiz with instructions to bombard unprotected cities of the northern Atlantic coast. Hence the dispatching today of the auxiliary cruisers New Orleans and San Francisco to guard the approaches to the Massachusetts and New York coasts.

5. Hurried preparations for the transportation of the land forces now at Chickamauga to either Tampa or New Orleans for embarkation to Cuba. These orders are new, and it is expected that General Miles will leave Washington on Sunday to assume active command of the forces.

6. The maintenance of the state militia forces which have reported "ready" in an advanced organized condition, with the view of calling them to follow the regular army forces now mobilized at Chickamauga.

Desperate for Money.

MADRID, April 30.—Great efforts are being made throughout Spain to increase the war fund. Societies of ladies will preside at tables to collect money at all Madrid churches throughout the month of May.

Iowa Patriots.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Senators Allison and Gear and Representatives Dooliver and Hager of Iowa called on the president today and urged him to make an additional allotment of volunteer troops for Iowa. They insisted that there are nearly four regiments and wanted the number raised to the full four. The president referred them to Secretary Alger. Representative Dooliver left with the president a petition for the appointment of Gen. T. R. Lincoln, inspector general of Iowa state guard, as brigadier general.

Col. Fred Grant.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 30.—Governor Black has commissioned Col. Fred D. Grant, colonel of the 14th regiment.

Praise Illinois Militia.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—It has been announced at the war department by Adjutant General Corbin that the Illinois National Guard will be accepted by the United States and be mustered into service.

Mr. Shellebarger will distribute a

large quantity of fancy seed to the farmers for the raising of products for decorative and ornamental purposes.

"Chimes of Normandy."

The following is the cast of characters for the production of the "Chimes of Normandy," which will be given by the Decatur Musical Co. at the opera house on Monday evening, May 2, under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps, the members of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans. This opera has been under rehearsal for several months and its production is looked forward to as one of the most deserving efforts of the Decatur Musical company:

Serpentine, the Good-for-Nothing...
Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bunn Germaine, "the lost marchioness".
..... Miss Callie Rich Village Maidens: Mrs. W. A. Bootiger
Gertrude..... Miss Lyl Stevens
Jeanne..... Miss Ella Reeves
Suzanne..... Miss Lillian C. King
Henri, Marquis of Corneville..... W. E. Bellman
Jean Grincheaux v. A. Fischman..... R. W. Chilson
The Balli..... J. Lombardi Patin Gaspard—an Old Miser..... J. H. Alexander

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The Assessor..... J. E. Osborne

Musical Director—Charles Kessler.

Leader of Orchestra—Professor Robert Walker.

Stage Manager—J. H. Alexander.

CHORUS.

Sopranos: Miss Isa Kincaid, Mrs. W.

A. Bootiger, Miss Grace Hubbard, Miss

Lillian King, Miss Jennie Knox, Miss

Kate Gogarty, Miss Lena Martin,

Altos—Miss Lyl Stephens, Miss Dot

Kessler, Miss Nell Koehler, Miss Marie

Williams, Miss Nellie Gher, the Misses

Wishert, Miss Stevenson,

Bass—Arthur Keither, Garry McGuire,

Charles Sanford, Bill Brown.

Tenors—W. A. Bootiger, Ralph Dicklin-

THORNS TO SIT UPON.

Many people gather thorns by failing to heed the warning sent out by diseased kidneys—coated tongue—parched skin—feverishness—dull, dragging pain—general feeling of weariness—is sure evidence of kidney and bladder trouble. Take Utah Kidney Beans at once—they will cure you—they have cured thousands of others. The TURNERS of PHILADELPHIA make Utah Kidney Beans.

J. B. Samuels, County Clerk of Hoboken county, says that those who suffered for years with horrible pains in the back, kidneys—and bladder—was treated by many physicians—they gave him no relief—he got sick that he could hardly stand alone. His kidney beans were the only medicine that relieved him. He gladly recommends them to all sufferers.

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The Only One Ever Found.

The New Dry Air Germicide for the Cure of Diseases in the Respiratory Organs.

NATURE'S OWN REMEDY.

By Inhalation Alone Can Germs Be Reached and Destroyed.

It has often been said by scientific and medical men that nature has provided a cure for every disease, an antidote for every poison. This saying was never so clearly exemplified as in the discovery of HYOMEI, the first Dry Air Germicide ever found of sufficient power to kill the germs of all respiratory diseases, yet volatile enough to impregnate every particle of air breathed and leave it free from moisture. For years physicians have labored to find some cure for Cataract, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption, and statistics show how utterly they have failed in their efforts. This has not been for the lack of a remedy which would kill the bacilli of disease, but due to the fact that such remedies could be used in no other way than through sprays, douches, atomizers and vapors which preclude the possibility of their ever reaching the bronchial tubes and lungs. What a contrast between these old methods and the new! Since HYOMEI was first discovered this new germicide, which can be carried in the air you breathe to the minutest air cells of the lungs, has been tested by over 38,000 people, and, although every bottle has been guaranteed, but eleven persons out of this vast number have reported no benefit received and asked for a return of their money.

"HYOMEI" CURES BY INHALATION

"Hyomei" Outfit \$1. Extra Bottles, 5c. "Hyomei" Balm (a wonderful healer), 25c. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail. Send for the Story of "Hyomei". Mailed free.

R. T. BOOTH CO.,
Suite 20-21 Auditorium Bldg., Chicago, Ill.



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NONE BETTER.

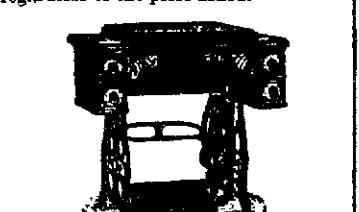
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J. G. STARR & SON,
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Fruit or
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Receiving Day:
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STUDIOS
114, Powers' Building.

THE AMERICAN COAST LINE.

It is Nearly 6,000 Miles Long—The Work of Surveying It Began Under Jefferson.

In a message to congress in 1807 Thomas Jefferson, then president of the United States, recommended the surveying of the Atlantic coast line of the country with a view to its adequate defense and also to the establishment of guides and safeguards to navigation. Congress adopted the recommendation of the president and made an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose, the direction of the matter being put into the hands of the secretary of the treasury, at that time Albert Gallatin, who communicated the views of the administration to "the scientific men of the country" in a circular distributed in New York, Boston and Philadelphia chiefly. The plan adopted was to ascertain the positions of certain prominent points on the Atlantic coast by astronomical observations and to connect them by trigonometrical lines.

The chief of the coast survey was a native of Switzerland, and the work went on under his direction with occasional interruptions caused by changes of administration until 1845, when he died. The work at that time had been finished from Point Judith, opposite Block Island, to Cape Henlopen, in Delaware. Since then the work has been prosecuted actively, but meanwhile it has been increased, particularly since the concession of territory on the Pacific from Mexico. This coast line of the country is now, according to the report just completed, nearly 6,000 miles, the land frontage of the country on the Canada and on the Mexican borderlines being only 4,880 miles. The details of the American coast line are as follows:

5,715 miles, embracing 2,349 miles on the Atlantic ocean, 1,536 on the Gulf of Mexico, and 1,100 on the Pacific ocean.

It is an established proposition among authorities in naval warfare that the naval strength of a government would be proportioned to its coastline. The rule may be said to prevail pretty generally, though Russia, which has relatively a small coast line on the Black sea and on the Baltic, has a large navy, and Norway and Sweden, which have an enormous coastline, larger in proportion than any other countries of Europe, have very few warships. The coastline of the United States is really as nearly long as the distance from New York to Liverpool and return by the ordinary course of steamship travel, and its protection against any possible attack has of recent years secured more attention than was the case before the reconstruction or more practically the construction of the present American navy.—N. Y. Sun.

A Queer (*) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest Medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

There have been 71,000 deaths from plague in India so far, according to a recent report by the secretary for India to parliament.

A Beacon of Hope,

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

One acre of land will comfortably support four people on a vegetarian diet.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers. Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The eight-hour rule has been introduced lately in the Russian postal service.

Gave You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the rattling cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

The average distance that an engine driver travels in the course of a year is 20,000 miles.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

English trout trout grown in the New Zealand rivers is now exported back to England in cold storage.

It is a great leap from the old-fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physicks to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Riers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. H. W. Bell.

The Italian army consists of 285,000 men, of whom 141,000 are infantry, 58,000 cavalry and 86,000 artillery.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. H. W. Bell.

London has a population of 4,920,000, equaling the combined populations of Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, and Rome.

Children like it, eat saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung trouble. H. W. Bell.

The oyster is one of the strongest of creatures, and the force required to open it is more than 1,000 times its own weight.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Riers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver trouble. H. W. Bell.

THE LENGTH OF LIFE

INCREASED BY A NEW DISCOVERY.

A Remedy Has Been Found that Will Cure to Stay Cured All Diseases of the Kidneys.

From among the advancements of medical science information comes that a formula has been discovered, that will cure permanently all kidney diseases and their resulting complications and vitalizing effects upon the whole human system.

What makes this news all the more worthy of attention and thoughtful consideration is the information also received that the researches and experiments, which have led up to the discovery of this wonderful boon to mankind, were entirely original and not at all upon lines heretofore prescribed by medical science.

The new remedy, known as Morrow's Kidneoids, will, it is claimed, totally eradicate from the system all diseases of the kidneys, including Bright's disease and Diabetes, thus increasing to considerable extent the average length of life. John Morrow their discoverer, is an eminent chemist of Springfield, Ohio, and his untiring efforts in behalf of mankind deserve to be rewarded with every honor that thankful humanity can bestow.

Morrow's Kidneoids are composed of well known remedies the full strength of which are concentrated in yellow tablet form, all materials calculated the actions of the remedial parts and throw unnecessary work upon the kidneys, being thoroughly eliminated. The sensation created by Pasteur, when he announced to the world his hydrophobia cure, has been alone equalled by this preparation.

This remedy has made extraordinary cures of all forms of kidney troubles in most every section of the United States, sufficient to show that, no matter where or under what conditions or climate the sufferer may live, Morrow's Kidneoids will effect an entire cure as rapidly as possible, consistent with the nature of each case and its special demands.

Morrow's Kidneoids are for sale in all stores. If you cannot find them, they will be sent postpaid by the Herb Medicine Co., Springfield, Ohio, upon receipt of price—50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.00.

At Armstrongs Bros.' Syndicate Block Drug Store.

Rebecca Stillings Lash of Chelsea, Mass., who is now 95 years old, says that she remembers seeing Paul Revere in his fine old mansion.

Bracken's Armonia Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or pay required.

It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King & C. F. Shilling.

Alfonso XIII, according to the constitution of Spain, will be of age on May 12, 1903, when he is 10 years old.

"Cure the cough and save the life." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs and colds, down to the very verge of consumption. Sold by all druggists.

The cabinet will not lose its nutmeg seasoning. Both the retiring and the newly appointed postmaster general were born in Connecticut.

Diphtheria, sore throat, croup, infantile relief, permanent cure. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

Massachusetts employs more than 485,000 people in its manufactories.

DR. CHILDS, The Dentist.

Rooms 407 and 408, Powers Building.

NO. 1731 OLD PHONE.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of William Dodson, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of William Dodson, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to receive all persons having claims against said estate and to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1898.

HENNING JACOBSEN, Administrator.

April 16-18-20

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Abraham Seelig, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Abraham Seelig, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to receive all persons having claims against said estate and to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of James G. Lake, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executors of the estate of James G. Lake, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that they will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to receive all persons having claims against said estate and to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of April, 1898.

CHARLOTTE LAKE,

LUCILLE L. BURROWS,

Executors.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

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Dated this 29th day of April, 1898.

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FREE TRIAL TREATMENT TO EVERY MAN.

This offer is made by the

ILLINOIS STATE SANITARIUM

provided application be made at once, in order that its inventives, appliances and never failing remedies may receive the widest possible publicity, and prove their own merits by actual use and personal experience. No money whatever is to be paid by the patient, and the treatment is free.

Those who receive the treatment will be given the best care and attention.

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STOP!**Are You a Thinker?**

Have you thought what kind of a Belt you will buy?
Do you know that every woman in this broad land of ours will wear a belt of some kind this Summer?
Are you thinking of making a purchase?

If so, remember I am showing by far the Handsomest line to be found in the city in

Metal, Leather, Silk and Velvet Belts...

Sterling Buckles, in Gilt, Oxidized, Enamel and Plain Metal Buckles, Jeweled, Gilt, Oxidized and Enameled

Some New Things Not to be Found Elsewhere in the City...**ALL THE LATEST STYLES And PRICES REASONABLE....**

Please Inspect the Line Before You Purchase.

FRANK CURTIS,

Successor to—

**OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,
Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.**

Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET, - - DECATUR, ILL.

"He Serves His Party

best who serves his country most." This is an old saying which we paraphrase for the shoe business as follows: He serves the people best who gives them most for their money, quality of goods always considered. We think we are the best servants of the people here in this line. Better come and let us show you how well we deserve this claim.

Bargain Department

offers unusual inducements for money saving. Here are a few sample prices:

Lot 232—Men's Tan Vici Kid Bals, coin toes, sizes 6 to 11, regular \$2.50 grade, marked down to \$1.98.

Lot 208—Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Lace Shoes, new fresh goods, coin toe, sizes 3 to 8, regular \$2 grade, marked down to \$1.89.

Lot 204—Misses' Tan Lace Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, regular price \$1.25; reduced to 98¢.

Lot 202—Ladies' Tan Vici Kid Oxfords, hand turn, pointed and square toes, regular \$3 grade, sizes 2½ to 7, widths A to E, reduced to \$1.98.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 EAST MAIN STREET.

Hosiery--**Underwear...**

My stock contains all the leading makes in both Foreign and American brands—at prices to suit the people. I have created a BREEZE in the HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR world and propose to hold on to it.

We know that good Qualities and low prices will do it. I do not handle trash such as one sees advertised daily. Neither do we advertise goods worth \$1.00 for 49¢; any one knows such could not be. I buy with SPOT CASH and sell for CASH. Can buy in as large quantities as any one. My expenses are very small compared with the larger stores; so can sell on smaller profit. Will give you quick service.

**Hosiery...**

One case Boys' Bycycle Hose.....	9c
One " " " "	12½c
One " " " "	19c
One case Boys' Leather Stockings.....	25c
One case Ladies' Black and Tan Stockings.....	9c
One case Ladies' Black Dot Fancy Stockings.....	10c
One case Men's Fast Black Socks.....	3 pair for 25c
One case Men's Tan Socks.....	3 pair for 25c
One case Blue Fancy Dot Socks.....	12½c

Underwear...

One case Child's Gauze Vests.....	10c
One case Child's Gauze Pants.....	10c
One case Child's Sleeveless Gauze Union Suits.....	27c
One case Ladies' " " " "	25c
One case " " " "	35c
One case " " " "	50c
One " " Long Sleeves " "	50c

A Handsome Saving

On Ladies' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. No mistake in buying your CORSET COVERS, GOWNS, SKIRTS and DRAWERS from this Department.

WE ASK YOUR INSPECTION. Yours,

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

Not Looking Well?
Not Feeling Well?
THEN TRY:
MORROW'S KIDNEOID,
THE TRUE
KIDNEY TONIC AND NERVE RESTORER
For Men, Women and Children.
50 Cents per Bottle.
ARMSTRONG BROS.,
Druggists.

WEATHER.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Illinois: Showers tonight and Sunday; increasing southeast winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Redick & Knoeck.—15-dsf

Denz—the Leading Tailor.—april 6-dsf

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koch.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dsf

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Boyle's Sweaters. Decatur Gun Co.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 528, now 'phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Ferry & Oren.—5-dsf

Regular meeting of the Pastors' Union on Monday, May 2, 10:30 a.m., at First Baptist church.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps, chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar. 1-dsf.

In the county court Friday Dr. Robert L. Walston renounced the bequests made to him by his wife, Cynthia M. Walston, and elects to take his share of her estate under the law.

Reserved seats for the "Chimes of Normandy," to be given May 3, at the Grand for the benefit of the Woman's Relief Corps, will be placed on sale at 8 o'clock Friday morning. Prices 50 and 75 cents.

John Glosser of Emery, Ill., has been granted an original pension through the agency of M. Shear.

Fishing is now good and we want you to know that our line of tackle is complete.

Decatur Gun Co.

Via the Wabash #1 to Springfield and return, Sunday, May 1. Special train leaves Decatur at 9:30 a.m. One chance in your life to see the boys in camp.

Telephone 84, Decatur Brewing Co., for bottled BOCK BEER.

229 d/w

At Moweaqua yesterday Constable John Lloyd arrested John Graham, who is wanted for skipping a board bill of \$8, which it is alleged he owes to Mrs. Cochran, who keeps a boarding house on East William street. Graham is in jail and will remain there until he pays.

The stock running Cleveland. Decatur Gun Co.

The parents of Edward Westhafer and Curtis Abbottore, the runaway boys who were caught at St. Louis, have purchased tickets for the boys to return home. The police at St. Louis have been holding the boys until their parents were heard from. The boys were expected home today.

2,000 First Class Books on sale at 10 CENTS EACH.

L. CHODAT'S News House.

Meeting of Ladies' Aid Society.

There will be a called meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the College street chapel on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. K. Love.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. So full of good food it need be only a taste like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 4¢ as much as coffee. Price 15 and 25c.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sore Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Drugists.

Popular.

The Cleveland and Crescent bicyclists are as usual the leaders with the experienced riders throughout the United States this year.

The sales on some have been larger than of any other machines of equal value.

People are finding out that it pays to buy the best. They also want to ride a wheel which is handled from one year to the other by responsible agents.

They want to ride a wheel which does not depreciate in value during the riding season. Do not be deceived. Buy the standard, well tried makes.

Decatur Gun Co., Archie F. Wilson, Prop.

Gentleman's Book.

Try Gentleman's \$1000 book beer on tap today at Peter Halmbecker's saloon.

William Jarvis, who was killed in Philadelphia by a train, was known as the father of American crickets.

CANT GET OUT.

A Man Who Is a Prisoner in His Own Home Seeks to be Released.

A man by the name of Daniels, who lives about two miles south of the city across the St. Louis bridge, is in a rather uncomfortable position and at the same time a most ridiculous position. He lives on a small farm of 10 acres. His place is off the end of another farm and it does not face on the public highway. The only way in which he can get out is to go through a lane on the farm of M. Schmering. This lane has always been used to reach the smaller farm, but there appears to be some trouble between the two men and Schmering won't allow Daniels to go out by way of the lane and has posted a trespass notice. Daniels is practically a prisoner on his place and now he wants to force a road through, which by law he is entitled to do. The matter will be considered by the highway commissioners this afternoon and they will probably allow the two men to appoint a board to arbitrate the matter and reach some compromise.

BRYAN WANTS TO GO.

The President Puzzled to Know What to Do With Him.

Washington, April 30.—W. E. Curtis: William Jennings Bryan has written a letter to President McKinley offering his services to the government in any position in which they may be useful. The letter is brief, but courteous, and asks for any assignment the president may see fit to give him.

The president is in a good deal puzzled as to what he ought to do. He does not wish to ignore Mr. Bryan's patriotic offer or decline his services, as that might be ungracious, but there is none but military appointments in his gift, and Mr. Bryan's experience and tastes do not run that way. He might be nominated as brigadier-general, but if given such an appointment he would have to be placed over men who are much better qualified by education and experience to command than he, and of course the president could not offer him any lower position.

It is probable that in acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Bryan's offer the president will ask him to indicate the capacity in which he would prefer to serve.

Bridge Letting.

The undersigned will receive bids at the town clerk's office, Decatur, Ill., until 10 o'clock a.m., May 7, 1898, for the construction of the brick substructure and steel superstructure of a 100x16 foot highway bridge and for 1051 cubic yards of grading.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Albert H. Cope,

town clerk, Decatur, Ill., or at the office of Prof. Ira O. Baker, consulting engineer, Champaign, Ill. The superstructure and substructure will be let in one contract and the grading in another. All bids must be accompanied with a certified check for \$100, payable to the treasurer of the commissioners of highways.

Hosekiah Hays, John H. Miller, Jacob Lebo, Bridge Committee of Board of Supervisors.

Wm. M. Boddy, H. Mahannah, Henry Ammann, Highway Com. of Decatur Township.

Albert H. Cope, Town Clerk.

Decatur, Ill., April 26, 1898. 25-100

WILL Give a Recital.

Miss Lula Cozad will give a piano recital on the evening of May 10 at the Congregational church.

She will be assisted at the recital by Miss Irene Armstrong, George Dunston and Miss Mae Earwood.

Miss Cozad is one of the accomplished musicians of the city and her talents as a pianist are well known.

New I. C. Time Card.

A new time card will go into effect Sunday noon on the Illinois Central railroad.

The changes are: Daylight Special,

north to Chicago, leaves Decatur at 3:50 p.m., instead of 11:52 a.m.; main line train north at 10:42 a.m., instead of 11:58;

Daylight Special to St. Louis leaves at 3:38 p.m., instead of 3:07; main line to Pana at 9:23 a.m., instead of 9:30; main line to Cairo at 4 p.m., instead of 4:08; Chicago train by way of Champaign leaves 10 p.m., instead of 9:10. No other changes.

Teachers' Meeting.

At the High school this morning the regular monthly meeting of the teachers of the city schools was held.

There was a large attendance and Superintendent K. A. Gaston was in charge of the meeting.

Prof. Cook, president of the Normal university, was present and delivered an interesting address to the teachers.

He discussed matters pertaining to the school work.

Under Consideration.

Justice Hardy is considering the case of Brock Irwin vs. C. H. Faith and William Ritchie and will render his decision next week.

Mr. Irwin sues for \$2000 damages, claiming that the defendants infringed on a patent right.

I. A. Buckingham represented Mr. Irwin and Edwin and A. E. Park appeared for the defendants.

The Cleveland No. 40 for ladies is the handsomest wheel ever put on the market.

It runs without a particle of noise and with perfect balance.

Fishing Tackle.

Largest variety of good tackle.

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